development of Khadi industry. Khadi loans are provided interest-free by KVIC and at four per cent by banks under interest subsidy scheme of KVIC. The patterns include capital expenditure pro-viskn for workshed and equipments and working capital provision covering all aspects right from purchase of raw material to selling of finished products. KVIC extends liberalised pattern of assistance applicable to hill border/tribal and weaker section to institutions having hundred percent SC/ST and |or those institutions exclusively working for SC/STs. In respect of all-women organisations also certain promotional grants are provided. KVTC also provides grants for marketing, publicity, exhibition etc. of khadi products.

(b) KVIC has introduced several types of improved charkhas in the field. The charkhas currently being supplied are 6-sp'ndle high speed new model metal ciharkka, 12-spindle Charkha, lO^spindle coarse spinning Charkha and pot Charkha for coarse count spinning. These equipments are meant for cotton spinning. In respect of woollen khadi, 4-spindle worsted type New Model Charkhas are being introduced besides Bageshwari charkhas. In respect of silk khadi, improved reeling basins are being introduced. KVIC is also assigning spinners using avaflaMe traditional charkhas by en-couraging their production. Since Khadi is an institutional programme, the total •assistance flows to the umbrella institutions, which render all escort services to the spinning and weaving artisans.

(c) Yes Sir. KVIC is considering to introduce Power-operated 24 to 48 spindle charkhas under Lok Vastra Scheme for which experiments to assess the economic viability and technical feasibility have been taken up.

Minimum wages for handloom weavers

. 748. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that minimum wages have not been fixed under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act for handloom weavers engaged in production of Kliadi-clolh with hard spun yarn;

(to) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

' (q) what steps are proposed to the taken to fix minimum wages to handloom weavers employed in the production of (Khadi under the Khadi Commission on its certified centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Khadi and Village Industries Commission has prescribed a system of wages on piece rate basis (Productivity linked) for adoption 'by Khadi institutions and Departmental units producing khadi. The artisans including wavers employed in khadi activities are essentially self-employed. The earnings however differ from activity to activity depending upon quantum of output, nautre and quality of work, hour? of work, nature of technology input etc. The rates of wages are strictly according to the prescribed Cost Chart. This cost chart is reviewed from time to time and the remunerations given to the artisans revised as and when necessary to pay suitable remunerations to them consistent with the economic viabilty of the" product and its saleability.

Setting up of automobile project by Ford Motors of U.S.A.

749. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be

pleased to state:

(a) whether Ford Motors of USA have been exploring the possibility of setting up an automobile project in the country either with Government or private collaboration;

(b) if so, whether any negotiations have been made in this regard;' and

(c) if so, what is the present position in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) The only proposal which was received and cleared

by the Government is that of a foreign collaboration agreement between Maruti Udyog Ltd. and Ford Motors, USA for the manufacture of aluminum radiators. No other proposal for setting up an automobile project in India has been received from Ford Motors, USA.

Theerat of strike by employees of Public Sector Undertakings

750. SHRI SURESH KALMADI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings have threatened to go on one day strike On the 29th November, 1991 agajnst Government's contemplated move to privatise public sector, undertakings; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The employees of some of the Public Sector Enterprises have threatened to go on one day strike on 29th November, 1991 to protest aaginst certain aspects of the new Industrial Policy. Efforts are being made to explain the implication of the new industrial policy and to allay their misplaced fears regarding privatisation, etc. Prime Minister has also mentioned in the Lok Sabha that detailed debate would soon be held regarding Public Sector Enterprises and their performance*

गुजरात में औद्योगिक-रुग्णता

751. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात में बड़े पैमाने पर औद्योगिक रुग्णता बनी हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) औद्योगिक रुग्णता को दूर करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा राज्य सरकार को जारी किए गए दिशा-निर्देशों और उपलब्ध कराये जा रहे संसाधनों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. जे. कुरियन): (क) देश में बैंकों से सहायता पाने वाले रुग्ण औद्योगिक एककों संबंधी आंकड़े भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा एकत्र किए जाते हैं । भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के नवीनतम आंकड़ों के अनुसार, गुजरात राज्य में सितम्बर, 1989 के अन्त में 154 गैर-लघु औद्योगिक रुग्ण एकक और 6,302 लघु औद्योगिक रुग्ण एकक थे ।

(ख) औद्योगिक रुग्णता के लिए बाहरी और आंतरिक दोनों ही कारण जिम्मेदार हैं । बैंकों द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार प्रमुख कारण वित्तीय, श्रमिकों संबंधी समस्याओं, प्रबन्ध में कमियों, बिजली की कमी, मांग में कमी प्राकृतिक विपत्तियों से संबंधित हैं ।

(ग) जहां तक गैर-लघु औद्योगिक एककों का संबंध है, राज्य सरकार को कोई धनराशि नहीं दी जाती । संभार धनराशि योजना के अधीन, लघु औद्योगिक रुग्ण एककों को फिर से चालू करने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार राज्य सरकारों को धनराशि देती है । किन्तु, योजना शुरू होने से लेकर अब तक इस योजना के अधीन धनराशि मंजूर करने के लिए उद्योग मंत्रालय को गुजरात सरकार से कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

752: [Transferred to the 3rd Decembers 1991]

Colour Film project at HPF establishment at Ooty

753: SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. A. MOHAMMET SA-QHY;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government propose to set up Colour Film Project in Hindustan Photofilms Mianufracturing Company Li-mited at Ooty in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P: K. THUNGON): Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Co. Ltd. sent a proposal